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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PATRIOTIC FRONT PRESS STATEMENT

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED IN THE MAIL THIS MORNING THE TEXT OF A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ZANU INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT, MAPUTO GIVING PF ACCOUNT OF RESULTS OF MALTA II CONFERENCE IN DAR. SINCE THE STATEMENT IS DATED APRIL 15, IT POSSIBLE THAT STATEMENT WAS RELEASED IN DAR, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN PREVIOUS REFERENCE TO IT. FULL TEXT REPEATED HERE IN EVENT STATEMENT WAS NOT RELEASED IN DAR.

2. QUOTE1. THE MALTA TWO CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WAS HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM ON THE 14TH AND 15 APRIL 1978.

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2. THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY DR. DAVID OWEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MR. CYRUS VANCE, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, WHILE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT DELEGATION WAS LED BY PRESIDENTS A ROBERT MUGABE AND JOSHUA KNOMO.

3. THE CONFERENCE WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS MILITARY AND RELATED MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSALS WAS HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONDOUR AND SERIOUSNESS.

4. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PUT FORWARD A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AIMED AT REACHING A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ANGLO AMERICAN PLAN.

5. THERE WAS A LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POLICE FORCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING AND SUPERVISING THE DECOLONISATION PROCESS.

B. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AGREED TO WIDE EXECUTIVE POWERS FOR THE PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BEING REACHED ON THE MILITARY AND POLICE PRESENCE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES IN THE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

C. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WOULD BE THE LIBERATION ARMY INTO WHICH WOULD BE INCORPORATED THE ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES.

6. A. AS REGARDS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT STOOD FIRM ON ITS DEMAND THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE

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IRREVERSIBILITY OF THE DECOLONISATION PROCESS THE PATRIOT FRONT MUST PLAY THE MAJOR ROLE.

B. IN THIS REGARD THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN DELEGATION MAINTAINED THE VIEW THEY PUT FORWARD AT MALTA THAT REPRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE DELEGATIONS THAT HAD ATTENDED THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, IN 1976

C. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HOWEVER MAINTAINED THAT SINCE BISHOP MUZOREWA, NDABAINGI SITHOLE AND JEREMIAH CHIRAU HAD JOINED THE SMITH ILLEGAL REGIME, THEY HAD BECOME A SINGLE ENTITY WITH IT AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH FOR THE PURPOSE ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

7. IT WAS AGREED THAT A FULL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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